

Docket No.

FEB 03 2003

210847US0X/shk
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

1645

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsuji WATANABE, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/900,876

GAU: 1645

FILED: July 10, 2001

EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SEARCHING FOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BASE SEQUENCES IN GENES

#7
Plunkett
3/3/03

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.9

RECEIVED

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

FEB 04 2003

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached Japanese Office Action listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon

Registration No. 24,618

Roland E. Martin
Registration No. 48,082



22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 03/02)

Form PTO 1449
(Modified)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FEB 03 2003

LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| ATTY DOCKET NO. | SERIAL NO. |
| 210847US0X | 09/900,876 |
| APPLICANT | |
| Katsuji WATANABE, et al. | |
| FILING DATE | GROUP |
| July 10, 2001 | 1645 |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER INITIAL | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | NAME | CLASS | SUB CLASS | FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE |
|------------------|----|-----------------|------|------|-------|-----------|----------------------------|
| | AA | | | | | | |
| | AB | | | | | | |
| | AC | | | | | | |
| | AD | | | | | | |
| | AE | | | | | | |
| | AF | | | | | | |
| | AG | | | | | | |
| | AH | | | | | | |
| | AI | | | | | | |
| | AJ | | | | | | |
| | AK | | | | | | |
| | AL | | | | | | |
| | AM | | | | | | |
| | AN | | | | | | |

RECEIVED

FEB 04 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | TRANSLATION | YES | NO |
|--|----|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----|----|
| | AO | 10-262699 | 10/06/98 | JAPAN (with English Abstract) | | | X |
| | AP | | | | | | |
| | AQ | | | | | | |
| | AR | | | | | | |
| | AS | | | | | | |
| | AT | | | | | | |
| | AU | | | | | | |
| | AV | | | | | | |

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

| | |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AW | K. WATANABE, et al., Bulletin of the national Institute of Agro-Environmental Sciences, National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences, vol. 16, pages 39-40, "METHOD OF ANALYSIS OF SOIL BACTERIA COMMUNITIES USING RESTRICTION FRAGMENT LENGTH POLYMORPHISMS", July 10, 2000 (with partial English translation) |
| AX | H. WATANABE, et al., Papers of the Information Symposium, pages 89-98, "DETERMINATION OF POSITION AND TRANSCRIPTION IN THE EXCHERICHIA COLI GENOME BY COMPUTER ANALYSIS", January 17, 1990 (with partial English translation) |
| AY | |
| AZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional References sheet(s) attached |

Examiner

Date Considered

*Examiner: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.